GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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MARITIME TRAINING FACILITIES
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the inadequate maritime training facilities available for sea farers in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken to provide quality maritime training to the Indian sea farers;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to set up a National Maritime Authority; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b): There are 128 maritime training institutes both in public and private sector in the country. To prescribe and preserve the quality of marine training in respect of infrastructure, equipment, laboratories, faculty, curriculum, examinations etc., detailed guidelines have been laid down. A system of inspections, approvals and rating of training institutions already exists. A manual based on the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Standards for Training, Certification and Watch Keeping (STCW) code & convention has been drawn up to guide the academic quality & transaction and ensure that maritime training meets global standards. It has also been decided to set up an Indian Maritime University with headquarter at Chennai and regional campuses at Mumbai, Kolkata and Vizag.

(c) & (d): Expenditure Reforms Commission (ERC) had recommended for establishment of a Maritime Authority of India. The recommendations were considered but have not been agreed to.